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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (89-43) SECRET DATE: 9/7/76

FROM : SUPV. [redacted] b7c

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY ON 11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS

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At 1:59 p.m., 9/7/76, a telephone call was received from former SAC J. GORDON SHANKLIN, Attorney at Law, Dallas, Texas, telephone 741-2464. MR. SHANKLIN stated he had received a telephone call from his attorney in Washington, D.C., who had been contacted by RON KESSLER, newspaper reporter for the Washington Post newspaper, attempting to contact MR. SHANKLIN. SHANKLIN, through his attorney, told KESSLER SHANKLIN would not be available for contact prior to the morning of 9/8/76. KESSLER is making inquiry regarding an incident that reportedly occurred on 11/23/63, when someone came from the U. S. Embassy in Mexico City to Dallas, Texas, and brought some photographs. Apparently former Director BELMONT has prepared a memorandum regarding his conversation with MR. SHANKLIN in which BELMONT alludes to some "tapes" being brought to Dallas from Mexico City, and newspaper reporter KESSLER is desirous of talking to MR. SHANKLIN regarding the incident regarding the photographs and the alleged tapes. (U)

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b1 [redacted] (S)

At 3:51 p.m., on 9/7/76, a telephone call was placed to Supervisor [redacted] JR., telephone extension [redacted] at which time the above information was explained to [redacted] and he was told MR. SHANKLIN is desirous of having his memory refreshed prior to receipt of any telephone call from KESSLER, supra, on 9/8/76. [redacted] stated he would make appropriate inquiry and advise regarding the furnishing of information to MR. SHANKLIN that would refresh his memory regarding this incident. In this regard, [redacted] stated he is in receipt of a memorandum dated 9/1/76, which records a contact with the Bureau by an individual who stated RON KESSLER, supra, is in the process of writing an article claiming there was a cover-up by the FBI and CIA regarding the above referred to incident. (U)

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4 p.m., 9/7/76, [redacted] supra, called back stating he had discussed MR. SHANKLIN's request with [redacted], Legal Counsel's Office, FBIHQ, and [redacted] pointed out it would be a violation for information to be furnished to SHANKLIN without appropriate release and MR. SHANKLIN would not be able to say anything unless he had previously obtained a specific release from the Director from his, SHANKLIN's, employment agreement that he signed at the time of his termination of employment, in which he agreed to not release any information obtained during his Bureau employment without prior release from the Director. (U)

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4:30 p.m., 9/7/76, [redacted] comments above were telephonically furnished to MR. SHANKLIN. (U)

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ACTION: The above is to record request received and action taken. (U)